
SGL Newsletter

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SGL News and Reports

SGL Elections

Unfortunately, the elections for the positions on the SGL Executive of Vice-President and two members-at-large, normally scheduled for Fall 2008, were delayed, so that no report can be made at this time. Outgoing members, whose three-year term ended on December 31st, 2008, are: Neil Jacobs (Vice-President), Orrin Robinson, and Donka Minkova (members-at-large). We thank them all for their service!

Journal of Germanic Linguistics

The upcoming special issue of the *JGL* is under production and will be appearing later this spring. The Editor, Robert Murray, will provide details of his annual report to the Society in the Fall issue of the Newsletter.

Update: FGLS 8/ GLAC 15/ SHEL 6

Planning for the upcoming GLAC conference in Banff (April 30–May 3, 2009) is well underway. This is an exciting event, as for the first time we will be holding a joint conference with both organizations with whom we have partnered in the past, the Forum for Germanic Language Studies and Studies in the History of the English Language. The conference will be one day longer than usual, and the organizers hope

that you will stay for all of it! We received about 125 abstracts for regular sessions, and accepted 109 of these. While the schedule is still under construction, you can expect that where thematically appropriate, sessions will be mixed, with speakers from any of the three groups participating. There will also be a set of workshops, three of which are organized by members of FGLS, and one by Marc Pierce of the SGL. These are:

- 1) Transnational Intersections: Germanic Languages and Migration in North America
- 2) New Approaches to the Study of German anti-Semitic and Nationalist Discourses
- 3) Current Topics in Germanic Etymology
- 4) GermaniCMC

These workshops will be scheduled such that conference participants may move easily back and forth between regular sessions and workshops.

We are delighted to have Paul Roberge of UNC at Chapel Hill, Antonette diPaolo Healey of the University of Toronto, and Kersti Börjars of the University of Manchester as our plenary speakers. The lecture topics are sure to appeal to all three groups:

- Taking *hand* in Hand: Mapping its Meaning in Old English and Later (Healey)
Form-Function Mismatches: Evidence From Germanic (Börjars)
The Creativist Account of Creole Genesis (Roberge)

We encourage you to register early for the conference. You may send in the form in this newsletter, or download one from the conference website. If you think you would rather register on site, please drop us a line at banff09@ucalgary.ca so that we can include you in our plans. The form includes choices for the conference banquet, which will be held on Saturday, May 2nd. And yes, for those of you who remember, it will be at the same restaurant as last time—which, luckily, is now located closer to the Conference Centre.

Information on accommodation and transportation from the Calgary International Airport can be found on the conference website. We urge you to book soon for the Banff Centre, if you have not already done so, as we have only a limited number of rooms reserved for our group. We may be able to add to the number if we have requests in good time. Students, note that we are providing a subsidy for accommodation at the Banff Centre, so make sure to identify yourselves! The website address is: <http://ling.ucalgary.ca/banff2009> and our email address is: banff09@ucalgary.ca.

The organizers—Laurel Brinton (SHEL), Nils Langer (FGLS), Murray McGillivray (SHEL), Robert Murray (SGL) and Amanda Pounder (SGL)—look forward to welcoming you in Banff!

Conference Report

Report on the meeting of the Discussion Group on Germanic Philology at the Modern Language Association Annual Meeting

by Hans Boas

The Discussion Group on Germanic Philology met at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Modern Language Association in San Francisco on December 29th for an hour and fifteen minutes. The session was chaired by Hans C. Boas (University of Texas at Austin) and consisted of three presentations: (1) “The Bay Area German Linguistics Fieldwork Project: Silver-Anniversary Account” (Irmengard Rauch, UC Berkeley); (2) “Gender in Plautdietsch: Nominal and Pronominal Structure in a Language of Mennonite Immigrants in the Americas” (Annemarie Toebosch, U Michigan, Flint); (3) “Was Middle Dutch a Topic-Prominent Language?” (Thomas F. Shannon, UC Berkeley). After the question and answer session, a business meeting was held. Tonya Dewey (UC Berkeley) will be the discussion group’s chair at the 2009 MLA convention.

Conference Calls

MLA Discussion Group in Germanic Philology

The Modern Language Association Discussion Group in Germanic Philology invites submissions for papers to be given at the session entitled “Topics in Germanic Linguistics and Philology” during the 2009 MLA Annual Convention. Papers may address any aspect of Germanic Linguistics and/or Philology, including English up to 1500. The abstract deadline is March 15, 2009. Proposals (250 words) should be sent to Tonya Kim Dewey at tonyad@berkeley.edu.

Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

‘Regionalism and Borders’: 11th Annual Conference of the German and Dutch Graduate Student Association of the University of Wisconsin–Madison

The 11th annual GDGSA conference will take place March 27–28, 2009 at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Linguistic topics to be addressed include, but are not limited to, German dialects and speaker identification. Further information can be found on the conference website: <http://german.lss.wisc.edu/gdgsa/conference/2009/> or by contacting Renee Remy at rremy@wisc.edu

Morpho-syntactic Categories and the Expression of Possession

On April 3-4, 2009, a conference on Morpho-syntactic Categories and the Expression of Possession will be held at the University of Manchester. The focus of the conference will be on the Germanic possessive –s. For further information on the workshop and the project, see www.llc.manchester.ac.uk/research/projects/germanic-possessive-s/ or contact Alan Scott: Alan.K.Scott@manchester.ac.uk.

24th Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop

The Center for Research in Syntax, Semantics and Phonology in Brussels will host the 24th Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop. It will be held on May 28–29, 2009 in Brussels. The conference will cover various aspects of comparative Germanic syntax, including diachronic syntax and the interface between syntax and other components of the grammar. For details, contact Marijke De Belder at cgs@crissp.be or visit <http://www.crissp.be/cgs.html>

XII. Internationaler Germanistenkongress

The XII. Internationaler Germanistenkongress is being organized by the Internationale Vereinigung für Germanistik and will take place in Warsaw from July 30-August 7, 2010. More than 60 sessions have been organized around the conference theme, which is “Vielheit und Einheit der Germanistik weltweit”. Details can be found at the conference website: <http://www.ivg.uw.edu.pl>.

Third Summer School on Historical Sociolinguistics

The University of Agder, the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, and the University of Bristol present the Third Summer School on Historical Sociolinguistics at Metochi, Lesvos (Greece) August 20–27, 2009. The summer school is organised by the Historical Sociolinguistics Network (HiSoN), and the venue is the University of Agder’s Metochi study centre, a former monastery on the Greek island of Lesvos.

Our teachers this year will be:

- Peter Trudgill (Agder, Norway): Language contact and linguistic change in early post-Roman Britain: sociolinguistic insights

- Laura Wright, (Cambridge, UK): Historical sociolinguistics and historical pragmatics: 18th c. printed ephemera and the London upper working-class sociolect
- Jeroen Darquennes (Namur, Belgium): Contact and conflict along the Germanic-Romance language border
- Helen Kelly-Holmes (Limerick, Ireland): Minority languages and media engagement: discourses and practices in and on Irish
- Ernst Håkon Jahr (Agder, Nowray): The Arctic Pidgin Russenorsk
- Nils Langer (Bristol, UK): Prescriptive grammars and linguistic purism
- Mark Janse (Gent, Belgium): Asia Minor Greek: borrowing, interference, and the mixed language debate
- Gro-Renee Rambø: Scandinavian - Low German contact in the late Middle Ages

Classes will take place in the morning and early evening and you will have the opportunity to present your own research at a special session. The school will last for one week and the cost of 375 British Pounds includes accommodation, three meals per day, and tuition, and an excursion. If you register and pay in full before May 1, 2009, we will give you a discount of 75 British Pounds, i.e. you will only pay 300 British Pounds.

Please note that there are only 40 places available.

For more information, please contact Nils Langer, Reader in German Linguistics, School of Modern Languages, University of Bristol, BS8 1TE, UK nils.langer@bris.ac.uk.

Summer school website: www.bris.ac.uk/german/hison/summerschool2009

Venue: www.hia.no/metochi

HiSoN: www.philhist.uni-augsburg.de/hison

Message from the Editors

We are thankful for everyone's assistance with the Newsletter. We have regularly featured a number of programs in our "Program Profile" section, and we've heard about a variety of relevant conferences in our "Conference Reports" feature. Please consider writing a short piece about your program or about a conference you attended. Additionally, we solicit news and other information that may prove valuable to Germanic linguists including, but not limited to, job postings, conference announcements, and departmental news. Please send your information to Mary O'Brien (mgobrien@ucalgary.ca). The deadline for the next Newsletter is September 1, 2009.

Registration Form

FGLS 8 – GLAC 15 – SHEL 6 (= Banff 2009)

Banff Centre, Banff, Alberta, Canada

Registration

Early registration for Banff 2009 (by March 15, 2009) is CDN \$80 (US \$70) for non-students, CDN \$30 (US \$25) for students. For residents of Canada or the US, the cost at the conference is CDN \$100 for non-students, \$40 for students.

For non-residents of Canada and the US, the on-site registration remains the same price as the early registration, **if this form is submitted by the deadline** (a scanned copy sent by email to banff09@ucalgary.ca is preferred). No payment is required until arrival at the conference.

The submission of the registration form helps us in planning and is particularly important for students so that we can identify them for a partial reimbursement of accommodation costs at the Banff Centre. Please see the conference website for details. It is also important for us to have an indication of how many people will attend the banquet.

Banff 2009 Banquet

A dinner banquet is scheduled for Saturday evening at a cost of \$45 (US \$40) per person.

NAME:

INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION:

E-MAIL:

Early Registration Fee

Residents of Canada or the US (please include cheque)

Non-Canada/Non-US residents (pay on site, but please return this form)

CDN \$80 or US \$70 (regular) _____

CDN \$30 or US \$25 (student) _____

(We can only accept cheques drawn on Canadian or US banks, in either currency.)

Banquet

(CDN \$45/US \$40 per person) _____

TOTAL (in Canadian or US funds) _____

Please choose one:

Vegetarian _____ OR Salmon _____ OR Venison _____

Vegetarian: Puff pastry shells filled with a variety of mushrooms, brie cheese, and herbs on tomato sauce, served with fresh vegetables; or salmon fillet in lemon pepper crust on yogurt dill sauce, served with rice and two fresh vegetables; or medallions of venison with glazed pear and caramelized chestnuts on red wine game sauce

Please return this form with a cheque or money order **payable to the University of Calgary** by **March 15, 2009** to: Banff 2009, Department of Linguistics, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2N 1N4

Accommodation

Please book your accommodation at the conference website: <http://ling.ucalgary.ca/banff2009/>.

NOTA BENE: Since the Banff Centre is only holding a limited number of rooms for conference participants at this special rate, it is highly recommended that you make your reservation as soon as possible.

To join the SGL or report a change of address, fill out the form below and send it with a check, money order, or transfer receipt to:

Robert Howell
German Department
818 Van Hise Hall
1220 Linden Drive
University of Wisconsin
MADISON, WI 53706-1558

Name: _____
Address: _____

Email: _____

I would like to become a member of the Society for Germanic Linguistics.
 Please note my address change.

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 regular member (\$40.00)
 student member (\$15.00)
 joint membership (\$45.00)
 emeritus member (\$15.00)
 sustaining member (\$60.00)

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